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Philippines – Typhoon

Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

December 4, 2006

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On November 30 and December 1, Typhoon Durian (also known as Typhoon Reming) struck southern Luzon region of the Philippines with sustained winds of approximately 120 miles per hour (mph) and gusts of up to 140 mph.
- Classified as a super typhoon upon making landfall, the storm affected nearly 1.1 million people in 12 provinces. Torrential rains and mudslides, particularly in the area of the Mount Mayon volcano, killed 425 people, injured 507 others, and left 599 people missing. As a result of the typhoon, 108,945 houses were damaged and 39,955 houses were destroyed, according to the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP).
- On December 4, 2006, following a request for international assistance from the GRP, U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Kristie A. Kenney declared a disaster due to the effects of Typhoon Durian and requested relief assistance from USAID/OFDA.
- USAID/OFDA provided \$250,000 on December 4 through USAID/Philippines for emergency grants to the Philippine National Red Cross Society (PNRC) and other humanitarian organizations working in the affected area. In addition, a USAID/OFDA airlift of relief items is due to arrive in the Philippines on December 7.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Total Affected Population	1,094,218	GRP – December 4, 2006
Dead	425	GRP – December 4, 2006
Injured	507	GRP – December 4, 2006
Missing	599	GRP – December 4, 2006
Displaced	20,200	GRP – December 4, 2006

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CURRENT SITUATION

- Heavy rains led to flooding and mudslides in southern Luzon region. Approximately 20,200 people have sought refuge in 72 different evacuation centers, according to the NDCC. Problems accessing affected areas have hampered relief efforts.

Damage Assessment

- As of December 4, the storm had caused extensive damage to infrastructure and agriculture, according to the GRP and the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.
- The typhoon toppled power and communication lines in Bicol Region and caused heavy damages to an unreported number of school buildings in Catanduanes, Albay, Marinduque, and Camarines Sur provinces. Due to flooding, fallen trees and electric posts, landslides, and mudflow, many roads remain impassable, according to non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
- USAID/Philippines is in close communication with the NDCC, the PNRC, and World Vision to assess damages, arrange appropriate assistance, and provide updates on humanitarian needs.

Assistance Priorities

- The GRP and the PNRC have identified priority relief needs including food, safe drinking water, water purification tables, water containers, blankets, mattresses, mats, mosquito nets, candles, cooking utensils, gas stoves, clothing, shelter and construction materials, and hygiene items.

Continuing Risks

- According to media reports, tens of thousands of people evacuated Khanh Hoa and Ninh Thuan provinces of Vietnam as the weather system, which was downgraded to a tropical storm, made landfall in Vietnam on December 4. The USG is monitoring the situation and potential humanitarian needs in Vietnam.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE*USAID Emergency Assistance*

- On December 4, 2006, U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Kristie A. Kenney declared a disaster due to the effects of Typhoon Dorian. In response, USAID is providing \$250,000 through USAID/Philippines to NGO partners in country. USAID assistance will support relief commodities, basic livelihood assistance, and road clearing and debris removal.
- USAID is airlifting relief commodities for approximately 7,000 families in the Philippines. The airlift includes 7,008 hygiene kits, 250 rolls of plastic sheeting for temporary shelter, and 7,600 jerry cans. The value of the commodities, excluding transport, is approximately \$130,000.

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PHILIPPINES

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
NGO partners	Emergency Relief Supplies and Livelihood Assistance	Catanduanes and Albay provinces	\$250,000
Various	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected areas	\$130,248
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$380,248
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR TYPHOON DURIAN IN FY 2007			\$380,248
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR TYPHOON DURIAN IN FY 2007			\$380,248

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of December 4, 2006.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in the Philippines may be available at www.reliefweb.org.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - USAID: www.usaid.gov – Keyword: Donations
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/